

HOUSE RESOLUTION 245
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Guy D. Briggs on the occasion of his retirement from General Motors.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Guy D. Briggs, General Motors Group Vice-President of North American Manufacturing and Labor Relations, is one such estimable person who has served General Motors (GM) with distinction for forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current assignment, Mr. Briggs, a member of GM's North American Strategy Board, served as Vice-President of Manufacturing; in that position, he worked with the manufacturing leadership team to provide stability during critical 2004 model year product launches and 2003 labor negotiations; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2001, until May 1, 2003, Guy D. Briggs was GM Vice-President and General Manager of Vehicle Manufacturing with operational responsibility for all of GM's North American vehicle assembly plants; from 1996 to 2001, Mr. Briggs served as Vice President and General Manager of the GM Truck Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs served as Vice-President in Charge of Manufacturing Operations for GM's Saturn Corporation subsidiary from 1985 to 1991; in that position, Mr. Briggs played a key role in bringing Saturn's manufacturing operations to Spring Hill, Tennessee, thereby contributing significantly to the continuing economic development and prosperity of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, Guy D. Briggs received a bachelor's degree in Economics and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1950 and 1961, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs joined Chevrolet as a college graduate in training at the Flint Manufacturing Plant in 1961; he held several supervisory positions before being selected for the

Chevrolet Executive Development Training Program in 1969; after completion of the program, he returned to Flint, Michigan, to serve as Superintendent of Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Briggs was transferred to Chevrolet's former Saginaw, Michigan Parts Plant as General Superintendent of Production, but moved to the Saginaw Manufacturing Plant to serve in the same position a year later; he was appointed General Superintendent of Production at the Saginaw Grey Iron Casting Plant in September of 1975, and held that position until being promoted to Manager of Chevrolet's Parma, Ohio, Pressed Metal Plant in November of 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs returned to Flint in 1978 to serve as Manager of the Chevrolet Engine Plant; he participated in the Dartmouth College Executive Development Program and was subsequently promoted to Regional Manufacturing Manager in May of 1983, and then to Acting General Manufacturing Manager for Chevrolet; in February of 1984, Mr. Briggs became Manufacturing Manager at GM's former Chevrolet-Pontiac-GM of Canada Group; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and his profession, Guy D. Briggs participates in numerous worthy organizations, including service as Chairman of the Board for the Oakland County, Michigan, Traffic Improvement Association; Mr. Briggs is also a member of the Flint Bishop International Airport Authority Board of Directors, and he is an Executive Board Member for the Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career at General Motors, Mr. Briggs has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and employees alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Guy D. Briggs our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from General Motors, acknowledge our grateful appreciation for his service to the good people of Maury County and the State of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.